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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PROFESSOR MORRIS FORKOSCH

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1. FORKOSCH AGREED RESIGN AND ASKED CAO DRAFT RESIGNATION LETTER. FOUNDATION BOARD DECIDED PAY SALARY THROUGH FEBRUARY AND FURNISH RETURN AIR TICKET. ALTHOUGH CHENGCHI WILLING ALLOW FORKOSCH STAY UNIVERSITY HOUSING IN MUCHA, BOARD DECIDED RELOCATE HIM AT BOARD'S EXPENSE IN TAIPEI WHERE HE WILL BE NEAR OFFICERS' CLUB, SHOPPING, AND THEATERS. USIS TO REMAIN IN CONTACT AND INCLUDE HIM IN APPROPRIATE EVENING FUNCTIONS. FORKOSCH APPRECIATIVE USIS AND FOUNDATIONS EFFORTS HIS BEHALF. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

2. DEAR PRESIDENT LI: I RELUCTANTLY REQUEST EARLY TERMINATION OF MY ASSIGNMENTS AND ASK TO BE RELIEVED OF MY TEACHING DUTIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. AS I HAVE MADE CLEAR IN EARLIER LETTERS, THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT OF TAIPEI HAVE NOT BEEN CONDUCIVE TO MY HEALTH. FOR MY OWN WELL-BEING I MUST RETURN TO AMERICA, WITH GREAT REGRET AT LEAVING MANY VALUED ASSOCIATES AND PARTICULARLY MY STUDENTS.

3. I HAVE PREPARED A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND TEXTUAL MATERIAL FOR THE STUDENTS TO USE IN THE SECOND TERM. BEFORE I LEAVE, I HOPE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THEM

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WHERE I CAN PASS ON THIS MATERIAL. I HAVE BEEN

IMPRESSED WITH THE INDUSTRY AND INTELLIGENCE OF THE
STUDENTS AT CHENGCHI AND, AS I HAVE SAID, LEAVE THEM
WITH MUCH REGRET.

4. I HOPE YOU, DEAN ROLET CHEN, AND CHAIRMAN SHIH JHY-MOU
UNDERSTAND THE REASONS WHICH HAVE FORCED MY TERMINATION.
SINCERELY, MORRIS FORKSCH.
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